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**In re Patent Application of**

**HIGETA et al.**

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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Sir:**

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows: